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1. REFTELS REPORTED POSTPONEMENTS IN SHIPMENT OF ABOUT 2 MILLION TONS OF US AND CANADIAN WHEAT WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY TO PRC IN 1974. AS INDICATED REF C, WE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME DELAYS IN SCHEDULED 1974 ARGENTINIAN AND AUSTRALIAN GRAIN DELIVERIES TO CHINA WOULD TAKE PLACE, THOUGH WE DID NOT HAVE FURTHER DETAILS.

2. WE HAVE NOW LEARNED FROM THE ARGENTINE COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR THAT 300,000 TONS OF ARGENTINE WHEAT AND CORN

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WHICH WERE SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY TO CHINA THIS YEAR

(OUT OF A TOTAL OF ABOUT 1 MILLION TONS) WILL NOT BE SHIPPED UNTIL THE FIRST HALF OF 1975. THE DELAY IS PARTIALLY DUE TO PROBLEMS ON THE ARGENTINESIDE BUT IS ALSO IN RESPONSE TO A CHINESE REQUEST, THE COUNSELOR SAID. THE COUNSELOR WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A BREAK DOWN OF THE CORN AND WHEAT PORTIONS OF THE POSTPONED TONNAGE. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT MORE CORN THAN WHEAT IS INVOLVED SINCE THE BULK OF ARGENTINA'S 1974 COMMITMENTS WAS IN CORN.

3. COMMENT: THIS BRINGS TO 2.3 MILLION TONS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRAIN WHICH CHINA WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO IMPORT IN 1974 BUT WHICH WE NOW KNOW HAS BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL 1975. OUR AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUES HAVE ONLY HINTED AT SIMILAR POSTPONEMENTS IN THEIR DELIVERIES, BUT WE ARE CERTAIN THAT SOME HAVE OCCURRED AND WILL REPORT DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.  
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